

MANISTEE AREA P.E.G. COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 1997

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Manistee Area P.E.G. Commission was held on September 17, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: N. LeMire, F. Balcer, K. Fenstermacher, A. Morin

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Kaminski, M. Bajtko

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Donnan (Administrative Assistant), Lorraine Conway (Mayor), Ben Bifoss (City Manager), Cliff Edwards, Tex Collins

The September 17 meeting was opened at 6:04 p.m. by K. Fenstermacher. A motion was made by N. LeMire with support from F. Balcer to approve the August 27, 1997 minutes with the correction of adding Lorraine Conway as being present. Motion was passed unanimously.

Members discussed and reviewed September Programming Schedule submitted by Sunset Productions. Questions arose concerning whether specific times and fillers could be used in place of TBA articles on the schedule. Cliff Edwards stated Sunset will provide a scheduling grid with tentative filler spots.

Discussion focused upon "Thought For The Day" segment on Channel 2. Concern expressed for the Bible verses not having a listed sponsor, due to separation of church and state. Edwards agreed to list all future Bible verses with sponsors.

Air time request forms were reviewed. Members discussed the need to add lines for a contact person's address, day and evening phone number; as well as space for the subject matter of submitted tape. Cliff Edwards will meet with K. Fenstermacher and L. Donnan to modify form. Members will review updated form at October's meeting.

Item 3-C on the Operator's Agreement was questioned and discussed. The item states that Sunset tape all PEG meetings. Edwards informed members that Tex Collins has been taping the PEG meetings at the request of Sunset Productions.

Under unfinished business, Donnan announced Sue Mackin has resigned and Commission would be advertising for a new member. Letter from Tex Collins reviewed. Donnan informed members that the notice for a new operator was placed in the Ludington Daily News, Manistee News Advocate, and sent to Westshore College, Northwestern College, Mark Carlson, and Sunset Productions. Members were reminded that interviews for the operator position will take place on October 8th, and the deadline for application was slated for October 1st. A. Morin questioned the difference between a liaison and ex-officio. Donnan was not aware of any difference in their definition. Members agreed and stated Donnan did not vote on Commission matters, nor was she able to serve as a member.

Under new business, persons interested in requesting an item be placed on the PEG Agenda need to contact Donnan in writing.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PEG Commission will be held on October 8, 1997 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Manistee City Hall.

Citizen comments were presented from Tex Collins. Cliff Edwards announced Sunset's intentions not to renew their operator contract.

A. Morin distributed a Sound Off article from the News Advocate regarding the PEG Commission.

With no further comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lori L. Donnan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lori L. Donnan